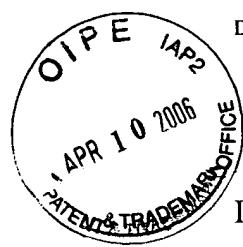


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**Case No. 7948/16**



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

L. Biedermann et al.

Serial No: 10/660,452

Examiner: D. Willse

Filed: September 11, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3738

For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISK  
PROSTHESIS

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated February 8, 2006 for a period of one (1) month(s).



Applicants:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
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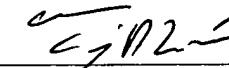
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**Fee Payment**

- Attached is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 10, 2006

  
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